

REMARKS

The Official Action mailed April 14, 2011, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on March 31, 2006 and March 23, 2011.

Claims 22-25 and 29 were pending in the present application prior to the above amendment. Claims 23, 24 and 29 have been canceled, claim 22 has been amended to better recite the features of the present invention and new claims 30-34 have been added to recite additional protection to which the Applicant is entitled. Accordingly, claims 22, 25 and 30-34 are now pending in the present application, of which claim 22 is independent. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Paragraph 4 of the Official Action rejects claims 22 and 25 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,039,893 to Tomisawa. The Applicant respectfully submits that an anticipation rejection cannot be maintained against the independent claims of the present application, as amended.

As stated in MPEP § 2131, to establish an anticipation rejection, each and every element as set forth in the claim must be described either expressly or inherently in a single prior art reference. Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987).

Independent claim 22 has been amended to recite a first inverter and a second inverter and clarifies that the various elements are "electrically connected." This includes, *inter alia*, recitation that "the first transistor is electrically connected to the second transistor through at least one of the first and second inverters," supported in the specification, at least, by Figure 3. Additionally, claim 22 adds "a first pixel including a first display element and a second pixel including a second display element,"

supported in the specification, at least, by paragraph [0187] of the pre-grant publication, and that the first inverter is electrically connected to the first pixel and the second inverter is electrically connected to the second pixel, supported, at least, by Figure 14. For at least the reasons provided below, the Applicant respectfully submits that Tomisawa does not teach the above-referenced features of the present invention, either explicitly or inherently.

The Official Action asserts that "Figure 9 of Tomisawa teaches a semiconductor device including ... a plurality of inverters (10-1, 10-2, 10-3, ... 10-n)" (page 2, Paper No. 20110409). However, it is respectfully submitted that Tomisawa does not teach, expressly or inherently, the above combination of features, including that the first and second inverters are electrically connected to the first and second pixels, respectively.

Since Tomisawa does not teach all the elements of the independent claims, either explicitly or inherently, an anticipation rejection cannot be maintained. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 are in order and respectfully requested.

Paragraph 6 of the Official Action rejects claims 23 and 24 as obvious based on the combination of Tomisawa and U.S. Patent No. 6,646,486 to Uchiki. Paragraph 7 of the Official Action rejects claim 29 as obvious based on Tomisawa. Claims 23, 24 and 29 have been canceled in favor of new claims discussed below. Accordingly, the rejection of these claims is moot.

New dependent claims 30-34 have been added to recite additional protection to which the Applicant is entitled. Claim 30 is based on features previously recited in claim 22. Claims 31-33 are based on canceled claims 23, 24 and 29. Claim 34 is supported, for example, by paragraph [0187] of the pre-grant publication. For at least the reasons stated above and already of record, the Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 30-34 are in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(a), 1.20(b), 1.20(c), and 1.20(d) (except the Issue Fee) which may be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2280.

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